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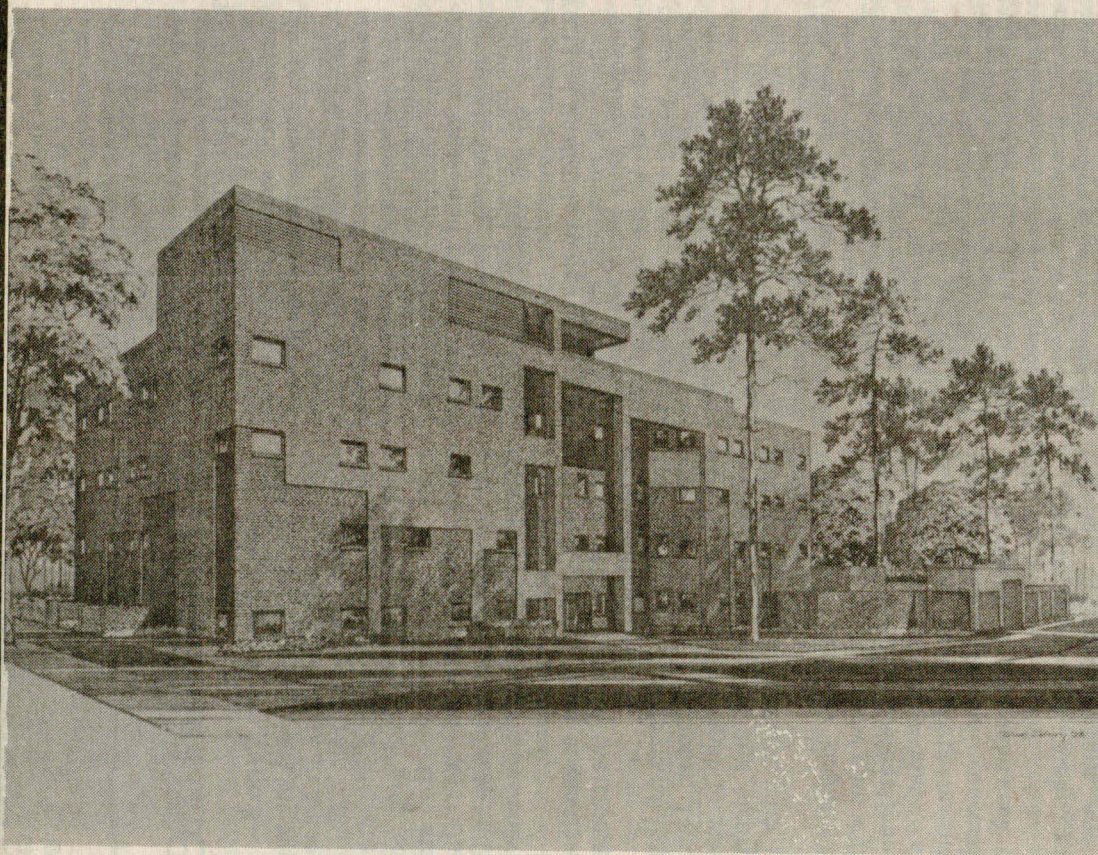
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NEW SLED FORENSICS LAB

This is the architect's rendering of the new Forensics Science Building for the State Law Enforcement Division. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Feb. 16 for the new facility which will allow SLED to house all of its laboratory facilities in one building. The building will operate on an around the clock basis when it is completed. See story on Page 1.

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SLED BUILDING

Officials break ground

Groundbreaking for the Forensic Science Building was held Feb. 16 with Gov. Carroll Campbell as the guest of honor at the ceremony.

The new SLED building is being constructed to ensure evidence protection and security and will also help reduce the department's current backlog of 2,400 cases.

The 67,582- square-foot building will be four stories tall and will hold five departments including a chemistry lab, firearm unit, polygraph unit, question documents unit, and a death investigation unit.

Forensic facts

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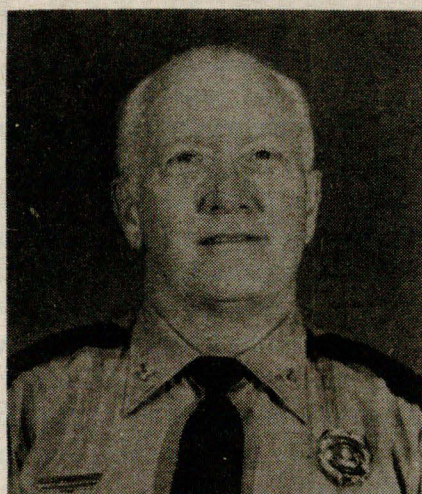
■ It will hold five departments including a chemistry lab, firearm unit, polygraph unit, question documents unit and a death investigation unit.

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The cost of the building is estimated at \$9.7 million and construction is expected to be completed in about 14 months, officials say.

Isolation labs for biological hazards will also be installed along with a training facility and a section for autopsies.

The Forensic Science Building will operate on a 24-hour basis and officials said that personnel is expected to double in the near future upon its completion.



COL. J.H. LANIER

Col. Red Lanier is named to head Training Council

S.C. Highway Patrol Commander Col. J.H. (Red) Lanier was elected chairman of the Training Council at its February meeting.

Lanier assumes the position formerly held by the late Chief J.P. Strom as head of the Training Council which oversees the Criminal Justice Academy.

The Council, at its February meeting, voted to begin a search for a replacement of Executive Director of the Academy for John O'Leary,

who resigned in January.

Jim Kirby, who had served as associate director of the Academy, continues to serve as acting director, but has indicated he is not a candidate for the director's post.

At the February meeting the Training Council gave approval for the implementation of a psychological testing program for law enforcement officers, which will be offered by the Academy to departments throughout the state.

Psychological testing OK'd

"This is one more tool we are offering the chiefs and sheriffs to assist in hiring."

Lennie Hicks

sheriffs in selecting better people, we will be more efficient at the Academy as we train people," Hicks continued.

He doesn't recommend that police officials reject an applicant simply on the basis of the results of this test. However, it is designed as a tool to be used in the evaluation process of candidates for jobs in police and sheriff's departments.

This testing was authorized as a pilot project and the Academy was authorized to purchase 500 tests to be administered. A statewide survey conducted last year indicated there was a great interest from law enforcement agencies concerning psychological testing.

A number of departments, including Charleston City Police Department, Columbia Police Department, and the Greenville County Sheriff's Department are already conducting psychological testing of job ap-

plicants.

Academy officials don't expect local chiefs and sheriffs to submit every applicant for the testing. "We hope the chiefs and sheriffs will just send the serious job applicants for the testing," Hicks said. "We envision this being given in one three-hour block of testing in conjunction with the TABE tests. In that one block of testing we can provide the chief or sheriff a comprehensive report in a week's time."

The TABE testing has been under way for about three years and has been met with enthusiasm by sheriffs and chiefs. The psychological testing program is regarded as one additional step, tied in with the physical standards requirements, and will give chiefs and sheriffs a good idea of the possibility of success for a candidate before he or she is sent for Academy training.

"We are simply interested in giving the chiefs and sheriffs another tool to be used in the hiring process," Hicks said. "Combining this with the physical standards testing, we should know by the time a candidate gets to the Academy their chances of being successful."

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OPINION

Important to support double-celling of inmates

By Atty. General Travis Medlock

One of the great concerns of all of us involved in investigating and prosecuting criminals is that the time actually served by those criminals should accurately reflect the facts of the crime as we know them to be.

That concern is one of the reasons the Attorney General's Office is deeply involved in legal action in the federal courts seeking to halt the release of as many as 700 additional prisoners because of space limitations in the prisons.

Currently a prisoner in this state can have his sentence shortened by a very extensive list of release programs and devices. These include parole, work release, supervised furlough, a "commissioner's furlough," the Emergency Powers Act, a pardon, good behavior credits and educational credits. Clearly, the last thing we need is to have to roll sentences back even further simply because of space limitations.

A class action lawsuit, known as Nelson v. Leeke, was filed by a prisoner at CCI asserting that crowded conditions in the prisons violated his constitutional rights. The suit now centers on the issue of double-celling. Last May, I made a motion before the Federal District Court in Columbia to allow the double-celling of prisoners in five new prisons being built to accommodate the state's growing inmate population.

Under a consent order approved by the District Court in the case in 1985 prisoners were to be given individual cell space of 50 square feet. Many of the cells in question, however, are in the size range of 69 to 73 square feet.

We have gone to court and asked for permission to double-cell inmates in these larger cells. I have pursued this position very vigorously; the arguments in favor of it are compelling.

One argument is the need to provide for the safety of the public. This is the practical side of my concern about being forced to arbitrarily reduce the sentences of prison inmates. Many of the 700 prisoners who would be released onto the streets have been passed over by the governor in a previous release under the Emergency Powers Act.

A second major argument is the fact that allowing double-celling in the new prisons would save the taxpayers millions of dollars. A conservative estimate is the failure to double-cell would translate into over \$40 million in initial prison construction costs as well as much higher operating costs.

One of our legal arguments which go along with these practical concerns is that the State of South Carolina has acted in "good faith." In other words, the State has acted responsibly in trying to deal with the prison overcrowding situation. Five new prisons are being built to hold the growing prison population; the Department of Corrections has hired 1,500 new employees.

We have also addressed questions the federal courts may have about conditions in the new prisons by pointing out that the new facilities are air-conditioned, state-of-the-art institutions. The prisoners would only be required to be in the cells during sleeping hours.

I take very seriously the responsibility of looking after the needs of the citizens of the South Carolina as a whole while representing the legal interests of state government. In arguing for double-celling in the courts we are seeking to give the State and opportunity to work out a long-term plan to house our prison population. In the meantime, the practice of double-celling would allow us to minimize the spending of tax dollars and release of prisoners as we pursue that goal.



The Chronicle is designed to inform all law officers

The Criminal Justice Chronicle has made great strides during the past year to be an information outlet for all law enforcement officers statewide, whether local, state, or federal.

This didn't come about by accident, and it took the work and assistance of many people to make this newspaper a success. We want these editions to be as much for the local deputy as it is for the state trooper and as useful to the police officer on the beat as it is for the criminal investigator.

To do this, we need your input for future ideas and topics. So far, the suggestions have been helpful, but we need more. During the coming issues, you will see some personal profiles and controversial topics discussed.

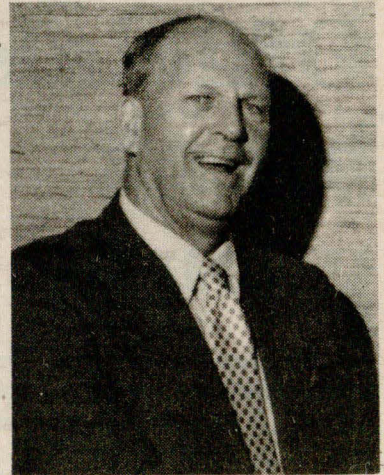
However, we won't take a position here. That is for you to do. Meanwhile, let us hear from you about article ideas, and we'll do our best to get on it.

In this issue, we take note of the new chairman of the academy's Training Council, Col. J.H. Lanier of the South Carolina Highway Patrol. We'll also see a profile of council member, Chief Al Williams of Andrews.

Of course, Attorney General Travis Medlock again provides some timely information about his position in dealing with the prison overcrowding problem in the state. We always appreciate his assistance as a friend of law enforcement.

The staff of the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy is always available to law enforcement officers throughout the state. We appreciate your confidence and we want you to know that we will try our best to provide the best information and training.

Jim Kirby



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Snow wasn't a pretty sight for officers

Whether assisting in emergencies or transporting medicine to the elderly, law enforcement officials across the state said this year's snowfall may have slowed them down but it did not stop them.

As much as 16 inches of snow fell over parts of the upstate in January, causing havoc on main thoroughfares and leaving motorists stranded on icy roads.

Spartanburg was an example. An accumulation of 16 inches of snow was reported in portions of the county. And Capt. John Blackwood with the Spartanburg Sheriff's Department and Major Earl Blackwell of Public Safety, in Spartanburg were ready.

"We feel, for the amount of snow we had, we did relatively well. The only difference was the very slow traveling," Blackwood said. "We were able to answer all the calls and assisted emergency personnel."

The major concern for both departments was making sure their vehicles were adequately equipped to handle the treacherous road conditions. Snow tires replaced regular treads and chains were added for extra traction. Even four-wheel drive owners in the department

UNDER PRESSURE

As every law enforcement officer knows, emergencies don't operate on a schedule.

On this page are two stories which detail the reactions in emergency situations. The snowstorm which hit the Upstate in January paralyzed the area and put pressure on law enforcement officers on all levels. This story details many of the services the agencies were called on to perform.

Highway Patrol Trooper Gene Childers went through a harrowing experience in November while making a routine stop. In a story on this page he recounts that experience.

volunteered the use of their vehicles to transport residents to and from different locations. But the key word that described the operation of both departments was cooperation.

"We answered a lot of wrecks but they handled it well," Blackwell said of his staff. "We didn't have any problems...but this was not the first time we had a lot of snow."

While most roads in Spartanburg County were considered unsafe after the storm, the area receiving the most of the attention was Highway I-85. Miles of snow covered highway were cluttered with abandoned cars and trucks while state and local law enforcement agencies worked jointly to correct the situation.

Both lanes of the interstate were impassable and it was the responsibility of these officers to see that motorist left the area unharmed. Working closely with SLED, the Highway Department, National Guard, and the Emergency Preparedness agency, Blackwood's department did not leave the scene until conditions improved.

"Everybody did a super job with the problem on the interstate," he said. "Our department operated quite well and efficiently."

Even as the 163 county officers rotated shifts during the snow, Blackwood and his department were relieved to note that crime took a brief holiday - an unexpected,

but welcome break. As Blackwood put it, "even the criminals can't travel in bad weather."

In smaller communities like Easley, law enforcement officers worked just as hard to provide services for the local residents. Police Chief Kenneth Holcombe said most of the calls his department received were to transport citizens to the doctor or hospital. Residents who were without heating oil needed only to pick up their phone and dial their local police department for help and someone would be there. It was all in a day's work for Holcombe and his staff of 20 officers.

Holcombe also reported that while the number of calls increased during the snowstorm, there was a sharp decline in the traffic related incidents. "I think the snow might have scared them," he said.

Joe G. Rideoutte, executive director of the State Highway Department, and Col. J.H. (Red) Lanier, Commander of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, kept their men busy this winter, aiding stranded motorists and helping with the problem on Interstate 85.

Among the responsibilities of the
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It was more than a routine traffic check

By LAURA PERRICONE
Staff Writer

What started as a routine check, ended in near tragedy for South Carolina State Trooper Gene Childers, who is stationed in Union County. In five minutes, his life took on a new meaning as an officer and as a citizen.

It was a quiet November evening and Childers was making his usual rounds along the rural roads of Union County. He was at a stop sign on Highway 49 when a car passed by heading in the same direction as Childers.

There was no reason to suspect anything at first, Childers said. The driver was neither speeding nor behaving in any peculiar fashion until further down the road. That was when things started to change.

The driver, Donny Sylvester Epps, slowed down in front of Childers and started turning his vehicle around with some difficulty. Childers, unsuspecting of the impending danger, waited for the driver to complete the improper turn before stopping the vehicle. When Epps

failed to produce a driver's license, Childers asked him to step out of the car.

"I never did take my eyes off of him," Childers said. "Then just as he started out of the car I saw a silver object and he was holding a gun with both hands."

Epps, aiming his .45 pistol at the trooper, removed Childers' revolver and instructed him to walk to the patrol car. Epps then reportedly handcuffed Childers and forced him to lie on the ground with his face down. The feel of the gun at the back of his head influenced Childers decision to listen but not without reluctance.

"I thought I was gone. He pulled out the gun and I thought he intended to use it," Childers said. "Things just happened so fast. I hesitated every time he (Epps) told me to do something. I was trying to think at the same time but he just kept on shoving the gun to the back of my head."

Before leaving the scene, Epps removed the radar mechanism in the patrol car and locked the door to keep Childers from radioing for

help.

As soon as Epps eased his automobile onto the road, Childers ran to the roadside to get the tag number of the car, he said, but it was too dark to see.

A passing motorist assisted the trooper and a three-day manhunt ensued before Epps was apprehended.

According to reports, Epps was chased by Highway Patrol troopers on Interstate 26 into Spartanburg County and onto U. S. Highway 221 toward Woodruff. His abandoned automobile was spotted behind a mobile home off Highway 221.

Epps was later arrested in an apartment complex in Laurens by Laurens County police. He was charged with assaulting a State Highway Patrolman and was sentenced to 49 years in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of armed robbery, assaulting a police officer and resisting arrest. He was also charged with robbing two Jonesville men at gunpoint two days before assaulting Childers.

"In my opinion, in my mind, I did everything the way it was supposed

to be done. I couldn't have done anything to prevent it," Childers stated.

Though the incident seemed to last forever, Childers estimated that the entire episode happened in five minutes - the worst five minutes of his life, he added.

The Union County Highway Patrol Station is back to normal now, but not without a lot of hindsight and "what ifs." Today, the troopers there take more precautions than they may have three months ago.

As for Childers, he is doubly careful to check the driver of the car and the number of passengers before approaching a vehicle at night. With an incident as the one in November, Childers knows first hand just how vulnerable a law enforcement officer is.

"I never felt invincible," he said. "It's a dangerous job. We (patrolmen) think about that all the time, but sometimes we erase it from our minds. I think we all do that until something happens."

PROFILES

Teaching the law pleases Jim Kirby

Jim Kirby has been a part of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy since the day it opened.

The Acting Director of the Academy was working with the FBI in Columbia when the late SLED Chief J.P. Strom asked him to assist in training the state's police officers in 1968 when the Police Academy was formed.

Kirby, a native of Pacolet, is a career law enforcement officer who spent 25 years with the FBI before joining the Academy staff full-time.

As a law instructor on the Academy staff, Kirby is probably known by every law enforcement officer in the state. "I have probably taught every police officer in the state at one time or another," Kirby says. "It's been a great pleasure for me over the past 20 years to work with the law enforcement officers in the state."

Kirby is well aware of the demands which are placed on the law enforcement officer in the field today to have a knowledge of legalities. "We don't try to make lawyers out of officers," Kirby said. "But we do want to give them some guidelines."

Kirby's interest in the law came early. His interest in working with law enforcement officers in instructing them on constitutional con-



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JIM KIRBY

straints came during his FBI assignments. He joined the FBI in 1953 and was assigned to Milwaukee, Chicago and New York City for the first 15 years of his FBI career. "It took me 15 years to get back to South Carolina," Kirby now smiles.

He was training law enforcement officers during his 13-year stint in New York and continued in that role when he was transferred to Columbia. He had an interest in teaching and discovered he had a faculty for it. The FBI was the pioneer in the business of training law officers and Kirby was pleased to be a part of that.

South Carolina's Criminal Justice Academy has taken on the role of providing basic law enforcement training for officers.

As the law enforcement officers who have gone through the Criminal Justice Academy well know, there is much more involved than studying law during the eight-

week session. However, during the first three weeks of training that half-day of study of the law is designed to give officers a solid background in the constitutional restraints and in updating officers on new rulings.

Kirby continues to teach a full load of courses while serving as the Acting Director of the Academy and he is also on call for legal advice from departments throughout the state.

"We're giving advice all of the time as far as what is legally correct," Kirby said. This service to police departments around the state is particularly beneficial to those departments which do not have the resources to have a full-time attorney.

Kirby is an all-around law enforcement officer, however. He knows the importance of understanding the law. Yet he knows the problems an officer on the street faces.

"The day that a policeman could

go out and through his presence control a situation are gone," Kirby said. "He has got to know interview techniques, have the ability to handle firearms, and as many other things as you can think of," Kirby said. "We try to be very comprehensive at the Academy in our training of law enforcement officers."

Kirby's hometown has been the birthplace of other well-known public officials. General William C. Westmoreland is a native of Pacolet. And Retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Bruce Littlejohn is another well-known Pacolet native.

Justice Littlejohn is one of the better known jurists in South Carolina and he and Kirby have been close friends over the years. "He has always been my mentor," Kirby says. "Of all of the people in South Carolina I probably revere him more than anyone for the counseling and friendship he has given me over the years."

Like his friend Justice Littlejohn, Jim Kirby is dedicated to the law and the enforcement of it, and the people who are charged with carrying out that task. That is one reason he is happy to carry out any task which is assigned him in continuing to build the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

Small-town chief making large contribution

After four years on the Andrews City police force, Albert Williams was appointed chief of police, attaining a goal he set when he first entered law enforcement. But his dream didn't stop there. Williams was ready to hurdle into another long range goal that eventually led him to the position he holds today.

On May 1, 1986, Williams was asked to serve on the council of the Criminal Justice Academy, an honor he strived for since his career as an officer.

Andrews City's 10-man police department is located inside the Georgetown County limit, and though it hardly compares in size to other metropolitan areas, the responsibilities and duties are just as demanding.

Williams has worked long and hard to implement new programs in his department like the in-house training of his police officers. For Williams, staying on top of the current issues of law is a commitment

he has made to the public and one he intends to follow.

"There's constant changes coming around all the time," he said. "Whenever we go out on the street, we try to project an image to the public and treat them the way we would want to be treated. We have a good relationship with the people here. That's something I preach daily."

"Project 90" is another community-oriented program that Williams implemented when he became chief of police. The program, he said, was designed to teach students the dangers of drugs and alcohol and was well received by Andrews City schools.

Williams has also worked to increase the size of the Andrews City Police Department. When he first started work there, the office had



WILLIAMS

only six officers to serve the 3,000 citizens there. Four more have been added since he became the chief of police and others may be recruited in the future, Williams said.

As a councilman for the Criminal Justice Academy, Williams' work in law enforcement has been extended to the entire state. His four-year position on the council has enabled him to work closely with the training of all new officers as well as the overall operation of the academy.

"That was one of my dreams to sit on the council," he said.

An important part of the Academy's training, Williams said, is that it teaches officers how to approach and properly apprehend a civilian who may have committed a crime. With more and more lawsuits being filed against police officers, Williams stated, civil liabilities is one of the more important programs being taught there.

As a representative of a small town police department, Williams'

input on the council takes into account some of the problems facing the more rural areas like the constant turnover of law enforcers there. Because many law officers prefer working in larger communities, Williams said that smaller departments are looking into mandating a 24-month contract that will require recent graduates of the academy to continue working with the department until their contract runs out.

Williams, too, admitted he had the intention of one day moving on to a metropolitan area, but he discovered that police work is just as demanding in these smaller communities.

When Williams' term ends in 1990, he will have fulfilled a major goal. To have served on the Criminal Justice Academy's Council for an institution ranked "second to none" in the nation was more than just an honor for Williams, it was his dream.

ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE

Wilson named SLED Deputy Director

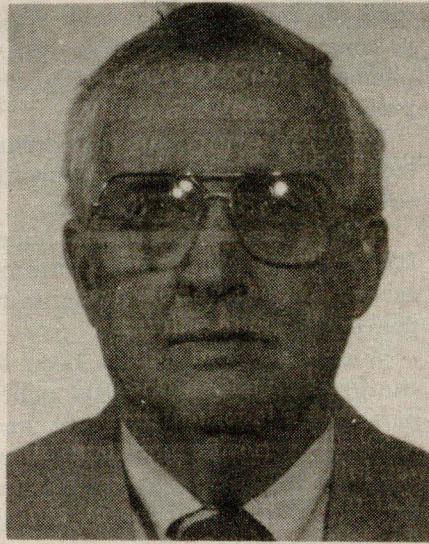
James K. (Jim) Wilson has been named deputy director of SLED, according to Chief Robert M. Stewart.

Stewart also announced the promotions of five agents to the rank of captain as part of an ongoing organizational program at the statewide law enforcement agency.

Wilson, a longtime SLED agent and law enforcement innovator in crime lab investigations, joined the agency in 1951 and soon started the state's first chemistry laboratory exclusively to assist criminal justice agencies in South Carolina.

The new Deputy Director has served as Chief Chemist since the crime lab's creation and was promoted in 1987 to the rank of Captain with supervisory duties over SLED's Forensic Sciences laboratories, including Chemistry, Firearms Examinations, Questioned Documents and Polygraph.

Wilson is a native of Spartanburg County and is a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in biology. Prior to joining SLED, he served in the U.S. Army Air Force. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in 1956 and has completed numerous law enforce-



JIM WILSON

ment and forensic sciences courses and seminars nationwide. He also has conducted a variety of criminal investigations for SLED.

Wilson is known throughout the state by law enforcement officers for his work as Law Enforcement Chairman for the statewide Buc-A-Cup fund-raising campaign held annually for the Easter Seal Society of South Carolina, a position he has held for 24 years.

According to Chief Stewart,

promotions of five agents to the rank of Captain was done in order to establish more evenly distributed caseloads, better accountability, and more productivity. In connection with this phase, the state has been divided into four broad regions and agents living in those regions will work generally under the newly appointed coordinators. Stewart added that agents still may be called upon to work in other regions as needed.

Agents promoted to coordinate the regions include:

Capt. James Q. Christopher of Greenville will supervise agents in the Piedmont region, including Oconee, Pickens, Greenville, Anderson, Spartanburg, York, Union, Laurens, Abbeville, Greenwood and Newberry counties.

He is retired from the Greenville Police Department with the rank of captain after nearly 17 years of service. He joined SLED in 1987 after serving as president of a Greenville-based security firm.

Christopher is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, a licensed polygraph examiner, and a native of Greenville. He is married and has two children.

Capt. James D. Anderson of Loris will coordinate agents in the Pee Dee region, including Horry, Georgetown, Williamsburg, Clarendon, Sumter, Lee, Florence, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, and Marion counties.

He joined SLED in 1959 and previously held the rank of Lieutenant with the agency. He is a veteran of numerous criminal investigations and completed specialized training in a variety of law enforcement seminars and courses. He is a graduate of Loris High School and has a wife and two children.

Capt. Claude Hair of Charleston will coordinate agents in the LowCountry region, including Charleston, Jasper, Berkeley, Dorchester, Hampton, Allendale, Colleton, Beaufort, and Orangeburg Counties. He is a native of Jasper County, moving to Charleston in 1961.

He served for six years with the S.C. Highway Patrol and two years with the ABC Commission before joining SLED in 1969. He is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute and has attended numerous law enforcement and investigative seminars. He is married and has one son.

Capt. James E. (Skeet) Perry will coordinate agents in the Midlands region, including Richland, Lexington, Aiken, Edgefield, Saluda, McCormick, Fairfield, Kershaw, Chester, and Lancaster counties. He is a native of Saluda County and joined SLED in 1971.

Previously he served with the S.C. Highway Patrol from 1958-62 and with the S.C. Insurance Commission as the Chief Investigator from 1962-1971. He has an associate degree from Palmer College and has attended the University of South Carolina. He is married and has three children.

Capt. Joseph A. Holley of Aiken will serve as the captain with responsibilities for coordinating SLED's role in Executive Protection and related state government security, including the Capitol Police.

He joined SLED in 1975 and previously worked in private business. He is a graduate of Georgia Military College and the Milliken School of Management. He has completed numerous law enforcement and investigative seminars. He is married and has two daughters.

Quick response by Florence officers results in life-saving performances

The quick response of the Florence Police Department saved the lives of two men last month, both incidents occurring within three days of each other.

Early one morning in January, two Florence police officers responded to a "man down" report radioed in by the dispatcher. When they arrived at the scene the officers, Cpl. Allen Cusack and Patrolman J.C. Bryant, found an elderly man lying in the street; a victim of a sudden heart attack. The man, who apparently had been riding his bicycle that morning, had no pulse when the officers arrived.

Within seconds, Lt. Rick Gould

and Cpl. Larry Drayton joined the team and worked together to revive the man. By the time the EMS arrived, the man was breathing on his own and was taken to a Florence hospital where he was listed in stable condition, thanks to the quick work of the police officers.

Three days later, Sgt. Ken McLendon was answering a call that was thought to be a domestic dispute. When he arrived at the scene, the scenario had changed considerably. A man was standing about 15 feet up a tree tying a rope around the limb and around his neck.

McLendon tried to talk him down,

but the man said he intended to kill himself. When the man suddenly jumped, McLendon leaped on the hood of a nearby pickup truck and cut the rope. The man suffered minor injuries but survived the intended death.

Capt. Everet Howard, commander of the patrol division, said the five officers acted quickly using the training they received to save the lives of these men.

"Without any doubt, their quick actions saved these two lives," he said. "These two incidents really exemplify the fine character of these officers. We are extremely proud."

Cayce officer rescues children

Lt. Ron Byrd of the Cayce Police Department, rescued two children from their burning home recently, after crawling through the smoke and heat to find them in a back bedroom.

The fire was discovered during

the early morning hours. The children's mother and another child had escaped and the father of the children had collapsed in the yard after trying to rescue his children.

Byrd crawled to the back bedroom and found 6-year-old Joan Jordan.

He took her outside where she was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Byrd then crawled back into the house and found four 4-year-old Daniel Jordan. He then brought the youngster outside.

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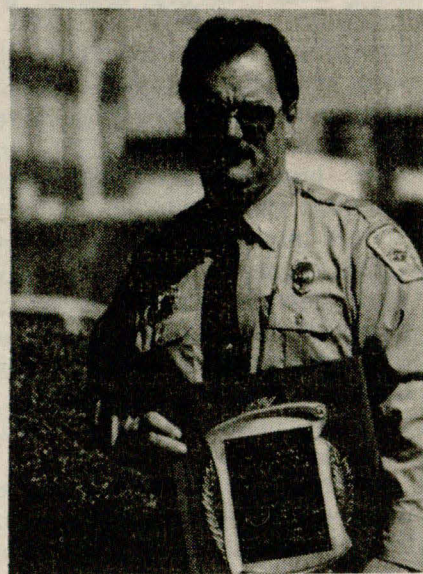
Dedicated officer Horton is honored

There was never any question concerning Douglas Horton's career. Since the second-grade, he was determined to become a police officer. Not just any officer - but the best.

And in February the 35-year-old training sergeant was recognized for just that. Horton was named Law Enforcement Officer of the Year in South Carolina after serving 11 years on the police force in Spartanburg.

In 1971, Horton became a cadet in the Spartanburg Police Department, joining public safety five years later. He was promoted in 1986 as the training sergeant and has worked diligently in that capacity ever since.

During his work on the force, Horton was named Officer of the Year in 1981 by his peers and Community Relations Officer of the Year in 1986 by the city Human Relations Committee. Both awards, which hang on the wall of his office, were humbly accepted by Horton



DOUGLAS HORTON

and considered "the biggest honor" besides his most recent achievement.

Horton's devotion to law enforcement was sparked in the second grade when his class began studying community helpers. To this day, Horton remembers how the

policeman stood before his class giving accounts of his work while passing around harmless paraphernalia that were linked to his profession.

It was at that point his dream took shape and at that moment his career goal was etched in stone.

"I just never changed my mind. It's an outstanding and rewarding career," he said of his allegiance to police work.

Since 1986, Horton has been in charge of training the 104 police personnel in his department and assists in the coordination of fire training. He is also the coordinator for the Spartanburg Public Safety Reserve Program.

Horton's ambition to excel never wavers. Whenever there's a new program or an opportunity to learn more about law enforcement, Horton's right there with book in hand.

"I took advantage of all training and programs. If you set your goals high, you've got every opportunity to attain those goals," he said.

"Law enforcement is a passion with me. I stay real busy and put in lots of hours. I'm a stickler on techniques and training, but the ultimate goal of a police officer is protecting life. We're the only buffer between the good and the bad. If nothing else, somehow or another we have an impact on the safety out there."

Horton was nominated for the S.C. award by his supervisor, Capt. Thomas H. Hill who wrote that Horton was "the most dedicated individual and unselfish individual" he had met. The annual award is given by the 6,000 member South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association and is usually presented on the final day of Respect for Law Week.

"It was probably one of the most humbling and unreal feelings being selected the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for the entire state," Horton said. "It'll be cherished in my home and by my family forever."

Rowe is chosen as president of SCPCA

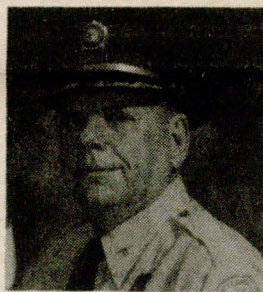
Forest Acres Police Chief J.C. Rowe was sworn in last month as the president of the South Carolina Police Chiefs Association.

Rowe was elected to the position last month after serving nine years as the police chief of Forest Acres with an accumulation of 30 years in law enforcement.

Rowe is a native of Monroe, Ga., and started work on the Forest Park Police force in 1956. He later moved to the police department in Brevard, N. C., where he worked for 15 years.

Rowe was the police chief in Timmonsville for two years before moving to Forest Acres in 1979. He is the former secretary of the state chiefs association and succeeds Kershaw Police Chief Danny Williams as president.

Other officers of the association who were installed by Billy Gibson, Director of Training at the Criminal Justice Academy, were Chief Ralph Porter of the Florence Police Department, vice president; Chief David Byrd of the Irmo Police Department, vice president; and Chief Ray Nash of the Summerville



Police Department, secretary.

Rowe said his goal is to have every police chief in the state join the organization. "Chief Porter and I are committed to travel this state over to contact every chief," Rowe said.

Rowe wants to encourage smaller departments to join the SCPCA and plans to hold meetings at various sites around the state. The next meeting is scheduled in March at Lancaster.

As head of the Forest Acres department, Rowe is in charge of a 21 man police department. "As I see it, my job here is two-fold: furnish the very best police protection possible and do it as economically as possible," he said in a recent interview.

Rowe lives in Forest Acres with his wife, Kate.

The new SCPCA President could take special pleasure in the naming of Nash as secretary of the organization. Nash, a native of Forest Acres, got his start in police work as a 17-year-old dispatcher who was hired by Rowe for the Forest Acres department.

Top sheriff Barnes is honored by his staff

Florence County Sheriff William "Billy" Barnes was named Sheriff of the Year for 1987 by the South Carolina Sheriff's Association and got an even bigger honor when members of his staff surprised him with a plaque.

Deputy Sgt. Leroy Gregg presented Barnes with the plaque saying, "We give you this to just let you know how proud we are of you for being named Sheriff of the Year. This plaque will let you know how your employees love you and want you to continue to go forth."

Barnes was surprised with the ceremony. "It was quite an honor to be named Sheriff of the Year, and I want to thank all of you. Coming from each of you this means an awful lot," Barnes said.

Barnes has held the sheriff's position in Florence County since 1974. He was a lieutenant with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division prior to becoming sheriff. He graduated from McClenaghan High School in Florence and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of South Carolina.

Barnes served four years in the United States Air Force and is currently a warrant officer in the South Carolina Army National Guard. He is the president of the South Carolina Sheriff's Association and past president of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association.

He and his wife Mary have two sons, Sonny, 22, and Brian, 15.

Dorchester deputy electrocuted

Sheriff's Deputy Gary D. Blackwood, 39, was killed last month when attempting to move a downed power line in Dorchester County.

Blackwood, who had been with department for three years, was attempting to move a power line that was downed after an early morning automobile accident. Sheriff Carl Knight said Blackwood did not know the power line had 7,000 volts. When his feet touched the wet soil beside the

highway he was electrocuted.

"He was making a good officer. I don't know anybody that didn't like him. It was easy for him to make friends," Knight said.

Hundreds of law officers, relatives, and friends came to pay tribute to the officer. So many attended that they could not fit into Parks Funeral Home Chapel, which has a seating capacity of 250.

ABOUT LAW ENFORCEMENT PEOPLE

From Around The State

DEATHS

HERMAN R. BERKMAN, a former chief of detectives with the City of Charleston, died January 28, in Charleston at the age of 89. A native of Charleston County, Berkman attended Charleston schools before joining the Charleston police department and rising to the rank of Chief of Detectives.

WILLIAM A. (BILL) GAINES, a former deputy sheriff in Pickens County and police chief in the town of Central, died Feb. 9. He had also served as magistrate for the town of Central for a number of years and had been a county commissioner. He was 84.

FURMAN R. HICKS, a retired police investigator with the City of Columbia Police Department, died Feb. 5 in Columbia. Hicks, 57, was a member of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Association and a native of Richland County. Memorial may be made to the Fellowship of Christian Police Officers of Columbia.

LAWRENCE E. (GENE) MERCK, a veteran law enforcement officer who retired as a lieutenant with SLED, died Feb. 4 in Liberty at the age of 82. He had also served as a Pickens County Deputy Sheriff and Police Chief in Liberty before joining SLED.

JAMES W. (JAMIE) WELLS III, a patrolman with the Summerton Police Department and a former member of the Clarendon County Sheriff's Department, died Feb. 12 at the age of 33. He was a graduate of the Criminal Justice Academy.

HONORS

CHARLES HERRIOTT, who retired after serving for 20 years as an officer on the St. George police force, was presented his service revolver by Mayor Richard Wern in appreciation for his service to the town. The presentation was made in December after his retirement on Dec. 2.

TROY DINGLE, and **TIM BAXLEY** were honored by the Clarendon County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse as Officers of the Year in the County. Dingle is a corporal with the Manning Police Department and Baxley is a South Carolina Highway Patrol trooper assigned to Clarendon County.

SGT. ALTON DODD was awarded the Spartanburg County Sheriff Department's Policeman of the Year award at the department's annual Christmas party. Dodd began work with the department in 1979 and has worked as a vice officer, receiving letters of commendation for his work. Dodd was promoted this year to sergeant and has worked on uniform patrol as a deputy and a corporal where he performed duties as a midline supervisor.

THEODORE THOMAS, a former Orangeburg Police Corporal who worked as a city policeman for 24 years, was recently honored by the Orangeburg chapter of the Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officers Association with a plaque for his years of service. Commander J.L. Irick of the Orangeburg department presented the plaque.

CHARLES P. AUSTIN, chief of the S.C. State College department, and former Patrolman **Samuel Nelson** were recently honored by the Palmetto State Law Enforcement Officer Association for their outstanding contributions to the criminal justice field. Austin was recognized for his accomplishments during his 14 year law enforcement career including 11 years with the State Law Enforcement Division, attaining the rank of lieutenant then, and served as a coordinator of protective services at the Governor's Mansion. Nelson, at the age of 29, was blinded by a shotgun blast to his face in 1961 while working as a campus police officer at S.C. State. He was investigating a disturbance in one of the dormitories

when the incident occurred.

SGT. RANDY HARDY, of the Spartanburg City Public Safety Department, received the Parents Who Care service award for his work with teenagers and drug and alcohol abuse. He was given the award at an annual breakfast sponsored by the Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. Hardy heads the department's Community Relations and Crime Prevention Department.

BOB MILLER, the director of public safety at Furman University, was elected president of the South Carolina Campus Law Enforcement Administrators Association recently. Other officers include: Charles P. Austin, police chief at S.C. State College, vice president; and Danny Baker, associate vice president of law enforcement at the University of South Carolina, secretary-treasurer.

POSITION CHANGES

A.L. LEE has resigned as the Ware Shoals Police Chief. Lee was the fifth man to hold the position since 1980 and had served in that capacity for 13 months.

LT. RONALD N. ALFORD and **LT. H. GLENN HOLLOMAN** have received promotions and new commands by the South Carolina Highway Patrol. Alford, 44, will replace Capt. Wade H. Elrod as District 3 captain. Holloman, 50, replaces Capt. B.H. Jones as Captain in District 6. The promotions and assumption of command take effect July 1, however, both officers have already reported to their new posts.

CLAY BURKETT, a Leesville native, has joined the Leesville police force as new training officer there. Burkett has nearly 10 years of police experience and is a certified firearms instructor.

FOUR GREENVILLE City Police officers were recently promoted. **RAY BERRY**, the senior officers on the force with 36 years of service, was promoted from lieutenant to captain. **J.L. LAFOY**, was promoted to lieutenant in uniform patrol after working as a sergeant in the detective division, former detective **G.M. PURVINES** was promoted to sergeant in uniform patrol, and former master patrolman **W.A. ROBINSON** was promoted to sergeant in uniform patrol.

TREVOR HAMPTON, former deputy chief on the Columbia City Police Department for four years, was named chief of police for the Durham Police Department in Durham, N.C. Hampton, the highest ranking black officer in Columbia, had a 16-year career with the police department in Greensboro, N.C., where he rose from patrolman to commander. Hampton was one of two deputy chiefs in Columbia. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. and was a candidate for a master's degree in criminal justice at the University of South Carolina.

WILLIAM R. NEILL, 40, has been named Camden City police chief. Neill, a former Orangeburg police officer and law enforcement chief at the Savannah River Plant, holds an associate degree in criminal justice from Palmer Junior College in Columbia, and will soon receive his B.A. degree in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina. Neill said his immediate goal is to look at the current working shifts in the department, the training programs and the overall productivity of the department.

LT. D.C. WINBURN, 31, has been named the new Chief of Police for the Great Falls Police Department. Winburn has been with the department for over five years and was appointed lieutenant in October. Winburn, a Bethune native, is the youngest police chief to be appointed in eastern Chester County. He is a 1981 graduate of the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy and was a police officer in Bethune before joining the Great Falls Police Department. Winburn will oversee a staff of 21 people.

Leesville chief killed

The town of Leesville mourned the death of Police Chief Bill Lundy, who was shot accidentally during a drug raid in Lexington County.

Lundy, 30, was nearing the end of his six-month probation on the job when the incident occurred just two miles outside of the Leesville city limit. Lundy, accompanied by three of his officers, a deputy and Lexington County sergeant, was serving a search warrant to residents in suspicion of drug trafficking there. He was accidentally shot while the raid was in progress.

Lundy joined the department two years ago after leaving his private detective agency. He also worked as a

patrolman in West Columbia.

The day after the shooting, fellow officers placed black tape over their shields and citizens in the city flew their flags at half-staff in memory of the police chief.

Lundy has been noted for modernizing the Leesville city police department and implementing training programs for his officers.

"All we were going to do was pat him on the back and say keep going," Mayor Randolph W. McGill said in a recent interview. "I couldn't count how many 18-hour days he spent down here. He's turned us into a model small-town police department."



Officer Claire D. Masterson (center) of the Lexington County Sheriff's Department, receives the J.P. Strom Award for Class No. 208 from Lexington County Sheriff James R. Metts (left). Jim Kirby (right) Acting Director of the Criminal Justice Academy, looks on.

Snow caused problems

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state troopers, Lanier said the snow crisis put extra demands on his men and women. Troopers from different counties worked together in order to increase the manpower and ease some of the chaos on the state roads. In addition, it was these state troopers who were responsible for assisting 40 dialysis patients to the hospital in Greenwood.

"I think we've done a good job," Lanier said. "Some of the troopers worked 16-18 hours."

Assessing the problems of Highway 85 from a helicopter, Lanier and Rideoutte went right to work, re-routing the traffic and clearing portions of the interstate with the available equipment.

The state highway department has implemented a snow plan which includes identifying the equipment, checking the primary roads, and maintaining roads during the snow. But, he added, the main concern of the troopers is the safety of the people.

"They're there to make sure nobody's stranded in cars, and to assist with getting vehicles off the road," Rideoutte said.

About 45 state troopers worked on the scene and a command post was set up, connecting the various agencies to their headquarters. But while work was being done on the ground, Rideoutte and Lanier were looking at the situation from up high. That's where they were able to determine the crux of the problem.

According to Rideoutte, some tractor-trailers rigs lost their traction on the slopes, blocking traffic behind. Rideoutte and Lanier are hoping to correct that by proposing a policy that will require twin trailer trucks be equipped with snow chains for their tires in case of a heavy snowfall.

"We can handle ten inches of snow, after that it's going to need some attention," Lanier said.

Once the traffic was moving smoothly again and streets were cleared, law enforcement officers across the state commended one another for a job well done. Then, with a little help from Mother Nature, things were back to normal.

"It takes a cooperative effort of all law enforcement agencies," Lanier said. "We feel better prepared. I think we've done a good job."

One-day seminar on "Satanism" is scheduled

A new one-day seminar on "Satanism" will be offered by the Criminal Justice Academy on March 30 at the Criminal Justice Hall of Fame.

The seminar offers an introduction for law enforcement officers on how to deal with satanic activities and a law enforcement officer's response to satanic activities.

Included in the topics to be discussed in the seminar are illegal activities, levels of involvement, motivations for involvement, signs of

involvement, profile of a satanist, satanic paraphernalia, and occult crimes.

Those completing the seminar should have the ability to recognize, identify, and investigate criminal activity of satanic cults.

Attendance at the seminar will be limited to 99 participants. Pre-registration forms should be returned to Janet Miller at the Academy no later than March 18.

The seminar will last from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 30.

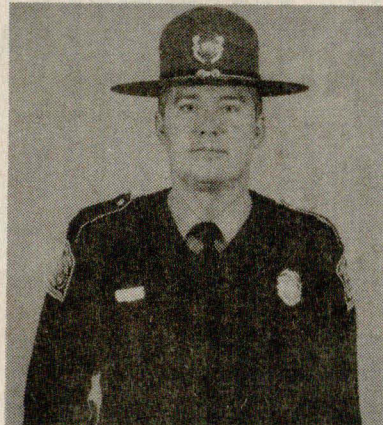
State troopers get new sweaters

Navy blue sweaters will be a part of the new look for South Carolina State Troopers.

The sweaters were specially designed to keep the state's 880 troopers from getting cold when they are without their heavy jackets. Patrol Col. J. H. Lanier came up with the idea in order to help keep troopers warm during short traffic stops and when the heavy duty winter jackets are impractical.

"Our troopers only wear their heavy jackets when they are out of the car for a long period of time. The rest of the time, they have been wearing just a uniform shirt," Lanier said.

The sweater will have the Patrol patch on both shoulders and the standard Patrol badge will be worn on the right breast.



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